IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A communication subscriber device, comprising: a subscriber basic unit; and

an audio/speaking unit, detachably interengageable with said subscriber basic unit, that provides audio and speaking functionality for said subscriber basic unit, wherein said subscriber basic unit comprises a charging station for said audio/speaking unit.

- 2. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein a short-range wireless link allows communication between said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit.
- 3. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit comprises an energy supply unit.
 - 4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit have complementary interfaces for electrically connecting said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit together.
- 6. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a single unit.

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- 7. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit has only one microphone and one loudspeaker.
- 8. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a selected one of:
 - a hands-free kit, and
 - a headset.
- 9. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said audio/speaking unit is rigid.
- 10. (Original) The communication subscriber device as recited in Claim 1 wherein said communication subscriber device is a mobile telephone.
 - 11. (Currently amended) An audio/speaking unit, comprising:

a mechanical interface configured to allow said audio/speaking unit to be detachably interengageable with a subscriber basic unit;

an electrical interface configured to communicate with said subscriber basic unit; and a microphone and a loudspeaker coupled to said electrical interface and configured to provide audio and speaking functionality for said subscriber basic unit, wherein said subscriber basic unit comprises a charging station for said audio/speaking unit.

12. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said electrical

interface comprises a short-range wireless link that allows communication between said subscriber basic unit and said audio/speaking unit.

- 13. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit comprises an energy supply unit.
 - 14. (Canceled)
- 15. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a single unit.
- 16. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit has only one microphone and one loudspeaker.
- 17. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit is constructed as a selected one of:
 - a hands-free kit, and
 - a headset.
- 18. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said audio/speaking unit is rigid.

19. (Original) The audio/speaking unit as recited in Claim 11 wherein said communication subscriber device is a mobile telephone.